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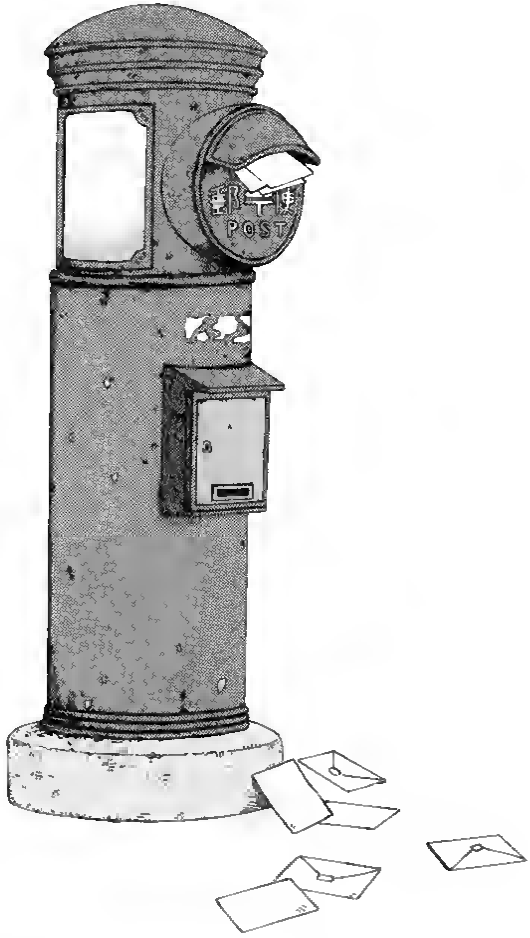
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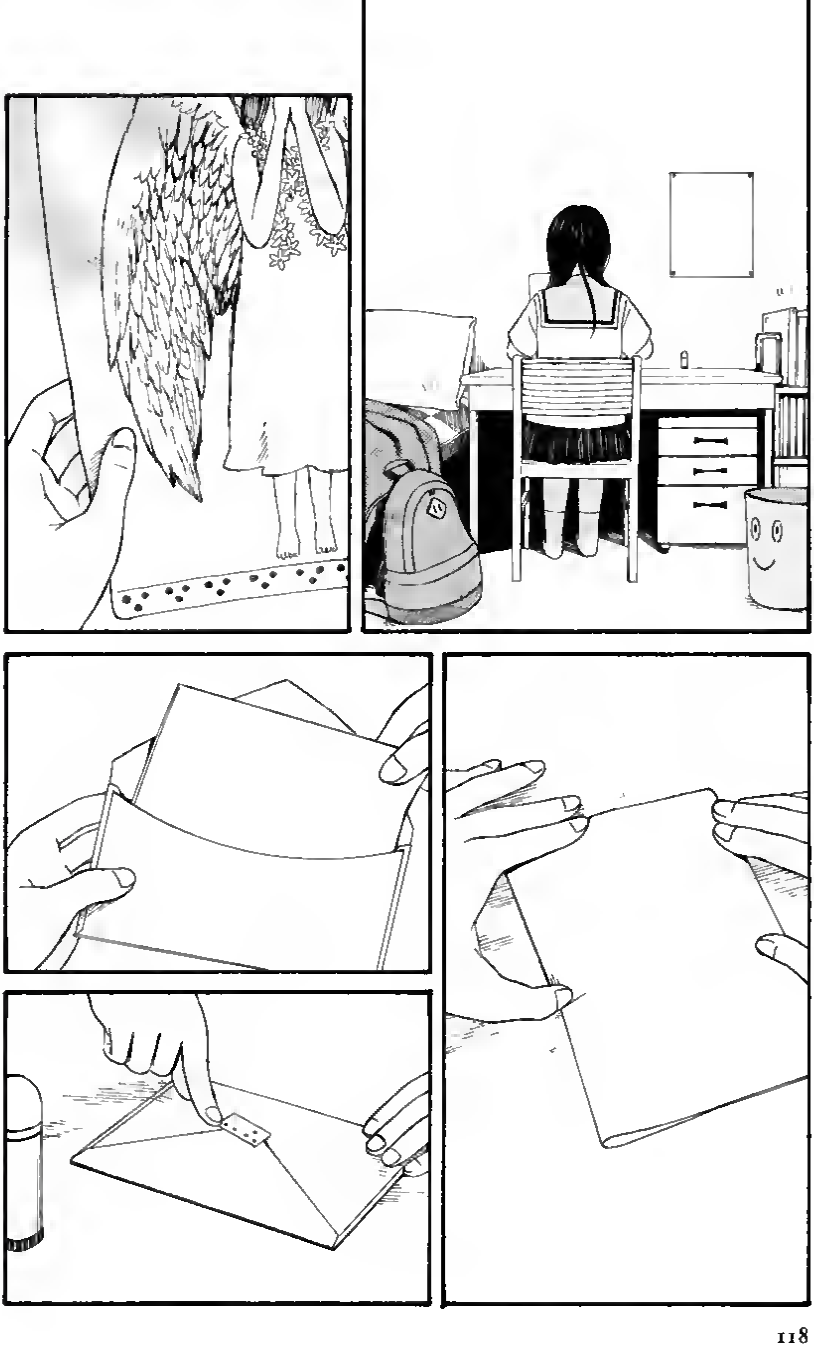

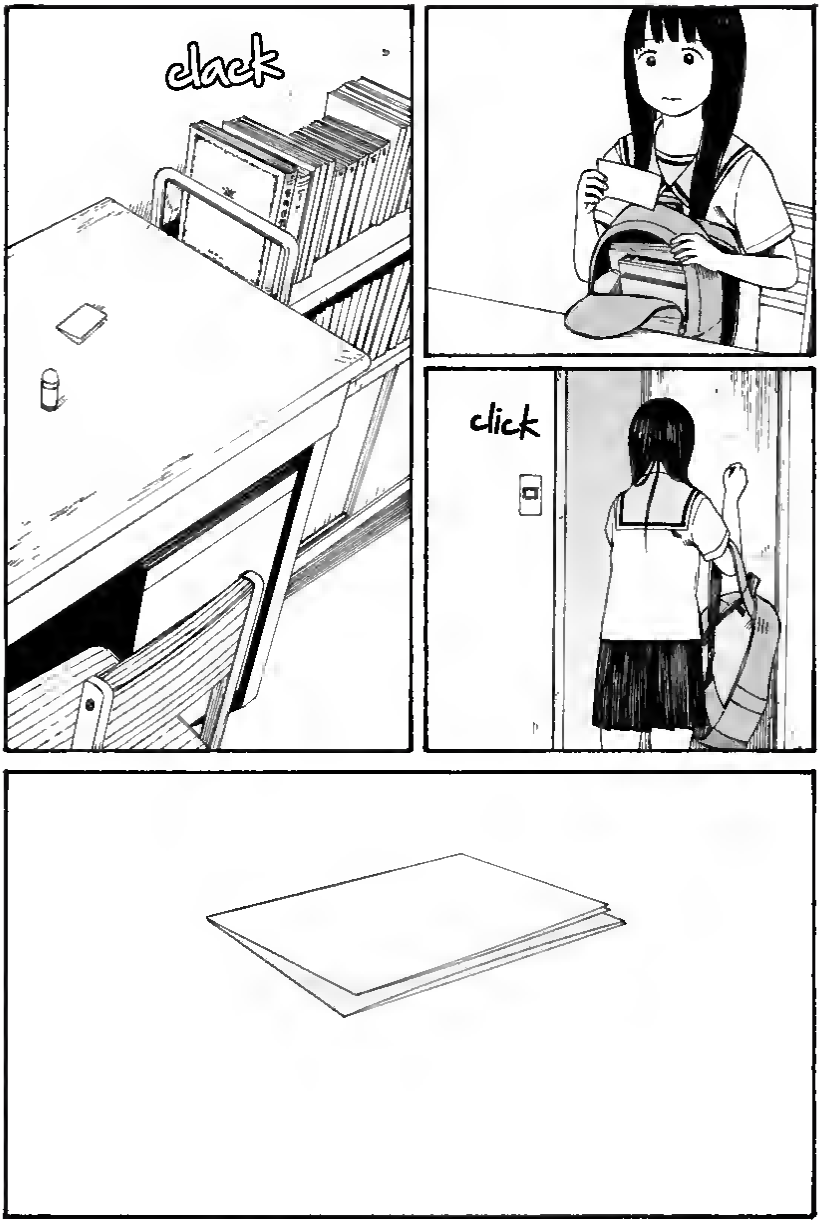
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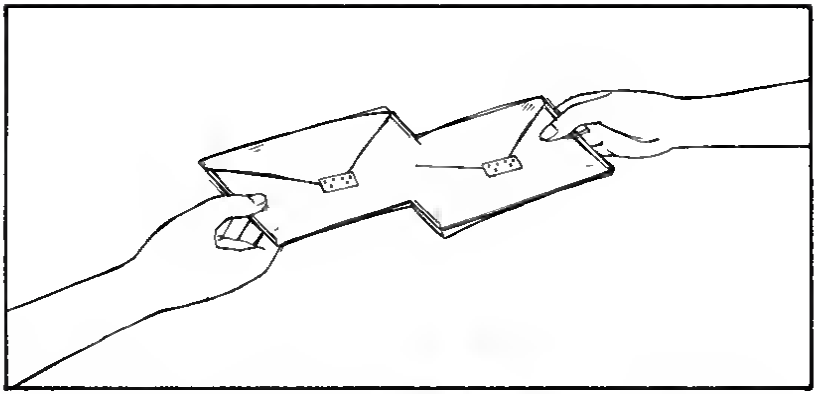

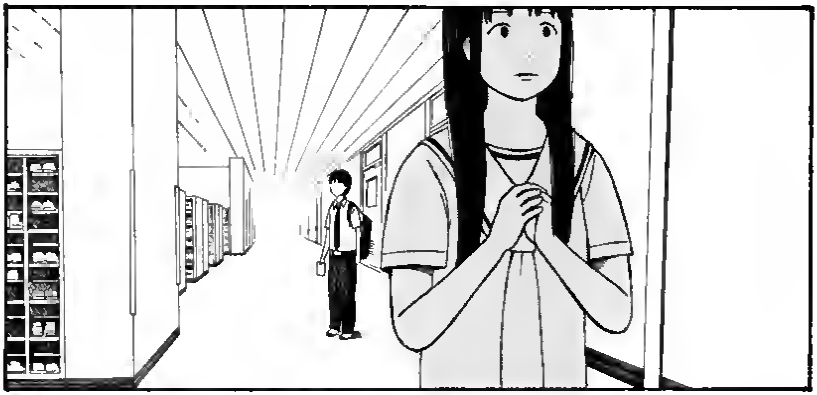

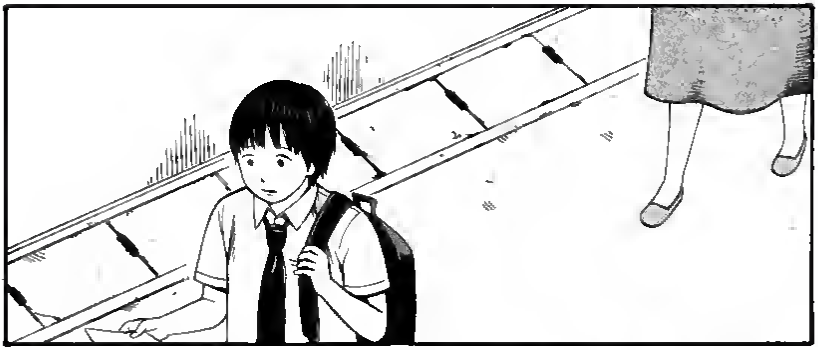

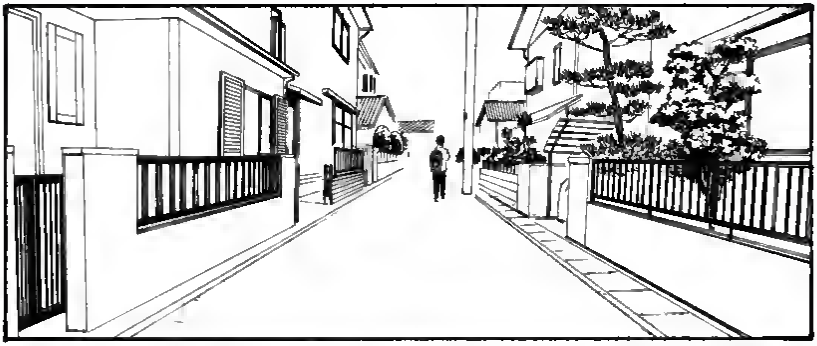

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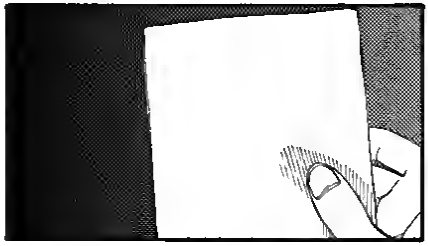
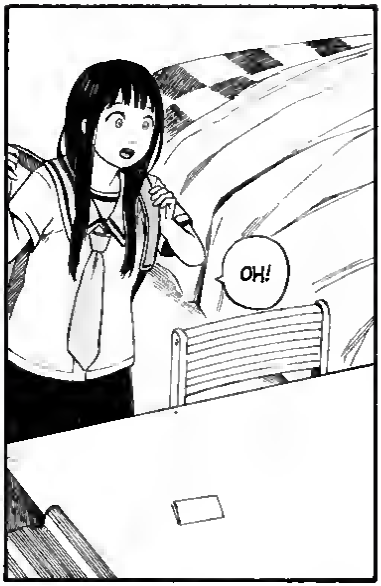
I'M HOME!

CRAP... I FORGOT TO PUT THE LETTER INSIDE.
I'LL HAVE TO PASS IT TO HIM TOMORROW

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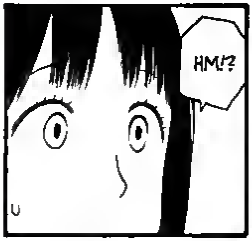
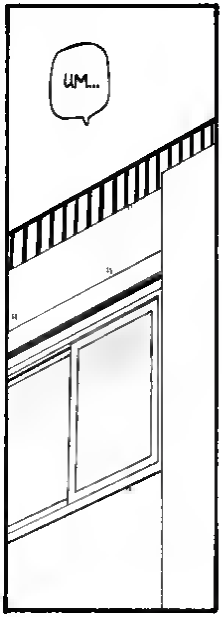
HERE YOU GO.


HM!?

SORRY. THAT LETTER...
OH, RIGHT.


UM...

HUH?
WATASE
SORRY FOR JUMPING STRAIGHT TO IT, BUT I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING I NOTICED YESTERDAY.
THERE WAS THIS FINE ARTS SPECIAL I CAUGHT ON TV AND I LEARNED ABOUT DIFFERENT KINDS OF GEMS.
OUT OF ALL OF THEM, THERE WAS ONE CALLED 'ROSE QUARTZ' THAT I REALLY LIKED. IT'S PINK AND
LIKE YOU CAN FEEL
Aiba
I didn't catch that special. But it's true all you have to do is see a gem, and you wind up thinking about how pretty it is. Maybe they do give you some mysterious feeling.
HOW DID HE WRITE A REPLY ...?
...?
...HOW ...!?

MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM!!
MAYBE THIS IS...!
Oh!

WHAT'S WRONG?
WATASE... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
I THINK...

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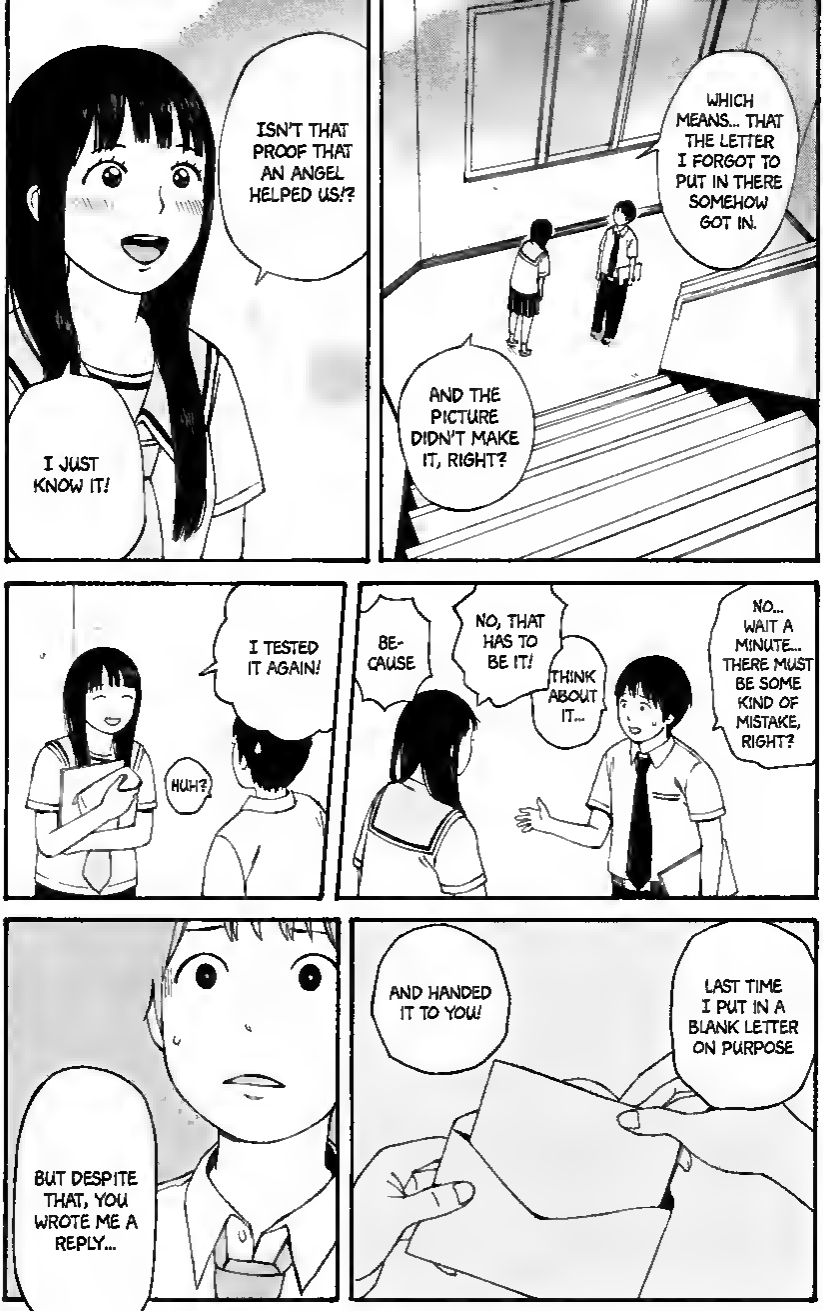
WHAT?
I THINK WE'VE FINALLY COME ACROSS THE WORK OF AN ANGEL!!
SOME-THING STRANGE IS GOING ON!
LIKE WHAT?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
EITHER THAT, OR YOU'RE A MAGI-CIAN?
YOU AREN'T, RIGHT?
HUH? YEAH.
HEY, WATASE... DID YOU REALLY READ MY LAST LETTER?
AND THE ONE BEFORE THAT?
...YEAH... I READ THEM...
WELL... I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND IT MYSELF...

THE PAINTING ...?
NO.. YOU CUT IT UP...
NOT THAT ONE.
SO... DID YOU SEE MY ANGEL DRAWING?
REAL-LY..?
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE MISSED IT!
SORRY... I MUST NOT HAVE NO-TICED IT.
HUH? YOU DID...?
I DREW A NEW ONE AND PUT IT IN THE ENVE-LOPE.
IT'S... SO STRANGE...
BUT... YOU STILL WROTE ME A REPLY.
I ACCIDENTALLY LEFT OUT THE LETTER.
BECAUSE... WHEN I PUT THE PICTURE IN,


ISN'T THAT PROOF THAT AN ANGEL HELPED US!?
I JUST KNOW IT!
WHICH MEANS... THAT THE LETTER I FORGOT TO PUT IN THERE SOMEHOW GOT IN.
AND THE PICTURE DIDN'T MAKE IT, RIGHT?
I TESTED IT AGAIN!
HUH?
BE-
CAUSE
NO, THAT HAS TO BE IT!
THINK ABOUT IT...
NO... WAIT A MINUTE... THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE, RIGHT?
BUT DESPITE THAT, YOU WROTE ME A REPLY...
AND HANDED IT TO YOU!
LAST TIME I PUT IN A BLANK LETTER ON PURPOSE

SO BASICALLY, THAT MEANS SOMETHING GOT WRITTEN ON THE BLANK PAPER I PUT IN, RIGHT?
AN ANGEL TRANSFERRED MY WORDS TO IT!
FOR YOU TO REPLY TO IT, IT MUST'VE HAD WORDS ON IT! MAYBE IT'S NOT SO STRANGE!
RIGHT? I'M SURE OF IT!
I WANT TO SEE THOSE LETTERS! NEXT TIME SHOW IT TO ME!
I JUST KNOW SOMETHING AMAZING IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON!
EXCITED
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tap
tap
tap
tap
WE DID IT!!

HEHEHE
EHE HEHE
THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN!!
BUT YOU READ WORDS
RUSTLE
EHEHEHE!
THIS IS YOUR OWN FAULT FOR READING THEM WITHOUT EVEN OPENING THE ENVELOPES
ALL WIND UP ON PAPER
AND THE WORDS YOU'LL WRITE NEXT
BOTH THE WORDS ALREADY WRITTEN
WORDS ARE FROZEN IN TIME

AHAHA!
FWOOOM
YOU DRAGGED OUT NON-EXISTENT WORDS
AND READ THEM OFF A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER!
FLUTTER
BUMP
AH...
This is a crime prevention patrol.
We have been receiving reports of purse thefts and random stabbings.
BZZZ

Small children should stay with their parents,
and everyone should walk with friends and be home before dark.
HEHEHE
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